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¶11. (SBU) Poloff delivered ref A demarche to Political Counsellor Tenxin Rondel Wangchuk on September 2, urging the Royal Government of Bhutan (RGoB) to consider sponsoring a candidate for a seat on the 2010 UN Human Rights Council (HRC). During a September 4 meeting, Wangchuk informed PolOff that the RGoB appreciated the invitation of the United States to run for a seat on the HRC, but due to a prior commitment next year as host of the 16th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit, they will not be able to sponsor a candidate at this time. Wangchuk left open the possibility for future collaboration within the HRC.

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